

## **ABSTRACT**

2 A system and method for transmitting stored user selections from a restaurant  
3 menu application on a handheld computer to a terminal at a drive-through lane or walk-  
4 up ordering area at a restaurant. Using the menu application on a handheld computer, a  
5 customer can record menu selections that he/she wishes to order during the next visit to a  
6 restaurant. These menu selections can then be saved as a file in the memory on the  
7 handheld computer. When the customer later arrives at the restaurant, he/she can select  
8 the file with the previously recorded menu selections and beam (transmit) it to a station  
9 adjacent to the drive-through lane, without having to get out of the car, or to a station at a  
10 walk-up ordering area. When received by the station, the order can then be automatically  
11 transmitted to a computer terminal or printer within the restaurant, where restaurant  
12 employees can fulfill the order.